

## **Idaho State University – Institute of Emergency Management Offers Emergency Preparedness Training Conference in Lewiston**

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Lewiston – The Idaho State University Institute of Emergency Management is hosting a three-day Emergency Preparedness Training Conference at the Lewiston Red Lion Hotel October 7 - 9, 2004. Enrollment is open to all qualified first responders. The training is made possible by federal grants in the interest of enhancing the ability of state and local agencies and private industry to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents. All training and course materials are provided free under the terms of the grant.

The schedule of course offerings is designed to meet the training needs of a wide variety of state, county and local officials who would shoulder responsibility in the event of a large scale emergency. The conference also provides participants from various agencies a rare opportunity to train together and practice interdisciplinary strategies for incident response.

Information and online registration are available on the Institute of Emergency Management website: [www.isu.edu/idiem/lewiston\\_conf](http://www.isu.edu/idiem/lewiston_conf). Individuals and departments interested in participating in the conference should enroll online or call the Institute at (208) 685-6797.

The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is providing financial assistance to every state and U.S. territory through the ODP Homeland Security Grant Program. The federal funding is being provided to enhance the capability of state and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) weapons.

The ODP has identified eleven first responder disciplines; Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Agencies, Firefighters, Hazardous Materials Personnel, Public Works, Government Administrators, Public Safety Communications, Health Care, Public Health and Security Guards as being among those that should receive the training.

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